

## HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES January 25, 2018

The Enfield Heritage Commission met on January 25, 2018 at 4:30 PM in the Whitney Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance: Marjorie Carr, Shirley Green, Suzanne Hinman, Linda Jones, Celie Aufiero, and Meredith Smith, Chair. Mary Ann Haagen was excused. The December 2017 minutes were approved as written (with one typo corrected).

Mascoma Lakeside Park Update: Meredith updated the Commission on progress being made with the potential acquisition of the Lakeside Park land. She reported that the two lots have been declared surplus by NH DOT and it is expected they will be put up for sale sometime in the spring of 2018. She also informed the Commission that there will be a public informational forum on February 26 at the Community Building to answer questions posed by the public and to correct any misinformation that has been circulating in the community.

Town Meeting: It was decided that there would not be a Preservation Award given this year at Town Meeting.

Town House Update: Meredith expressed concern that there is no money in the proposed budget for the Enfield Center Town House. This means that the \$10,000 Mooseplate grant could be endangered since the grant was written according to an estimate given by MTD Construction which would require an additional \$4500 from the Town. Meredith will check with Amy Dixon at Historic Resources as to what the alternatives might be.

Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway: The Enfield Shaker Village Scenic Byway is now in full compliance with the NH DOT. Meredith reported that the first meeting of the Advisory Board will be in March. At that meeting, it is hoped an extension of the Byway to Enfield Center will be proposed and a request sent to NH DOT.

Whitney Hall: Meredith reported that at the recent Selectboard meeting, two members of the CIP Committee attended and suggested that the Town had several old buildings that had, essentially, outlived their usefulness. The CIP members seemed to imply that Whitney Hall was one of those buildings. Celie Aufiero also attended that Selectboard meeting and confirmed Meredith's understanding of what was reported. The Commission expressed concern that the Town might look to alternatives to Whitney Hall. It was noted that the Town has no on-going regular maintenance schedule for Town buildings and Whitney Hall has not been properly maintained. Repairs and maintenance seem to be only on an as-needed basis and when some type of crisis appears.

Other business: Linda Jones reported on several upcoming workshops relating to old houses and barns. She will attend a workshop in Norwich and the Old House and Barn Expo sponsored by the NH Preservation Alliance in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Smith, Chair